

St Dennis Playing Field Risk Assessment

Activity	Hazard	Risks	Control Measures	Risk Level	Additional Measures	Notes
Driving – Lawn Mowers, mechanized diggers, contractors' vehicles	Accidents from moving vehicles	Injury to operatives or members of the public		L	Contractors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public. Copies of adequate insurance cover to be retained by the office.	
Operating equipment i.e. grass cutting equipment, strimmer's and hedge cutting equipment.	Fire or operating accidents	Injury from burns/cuts/foreign bodies in eyes/smoke inhalation or ingestion/cuts and scratches	The Parish Council employs reliable and competent contractors. All staff to be fully trained in the use of all equipment. Risk assessment to be undertaken prior to commencing work. Suitable PPE to be worn at all times when operating machinery	L	Contractors will be responsible for their own risk assessments to protect their employees and members of the public. Copies of adequate insurance cover to be held by the office. All Parish Council owned equipment to be regularly serviced and checked by competent people prior to use.	
Seating	Plastic and metal seats are subject to weather deterioration and damage by visitors	Injuries to members of the public, contractors and employees	Seats are regularly inspected and any remedial action undertaken to ensure the seats are maintained in a sound condition	L		
Waste Bins/ dog waste bin/fouling/hazardous waste	Waste bins are subject to weather deterioration and damage by visitors	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	Waste bins are regularly inspected, and any remedial action taken to ensure bins are maintained in a sound condition. Bins are emptied regularly.	L		

Activity	Potential Hazards	Risks	Control Measures	Risk Level	Additional Measures	Notes
Weed Killing	Chemical Burns/breathing problems	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	Competent trained staff to undertake weed killing. To be carried out in dry weather. Risk assessment to be undertaken prior to work commencing.	L		
Trip or injury on paths and steps	Injury from slipping or tripping over objects	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	Regular inspections undertaken to ensure paths and steps are maintained in a safe manner.		Any repairs would be carried out by a suitably qualified contractor or competent persons.	
Boundary Fences	Fences are subject to weather deterioration falling trees and damage by visitors	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Fences regularly inspected and any remedial action undertaken to ensure the fences are maintained to a sound condition. Boundary fences painted with Anti Climb paint	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required.	
Gates	Entrapment	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors	Gates inspected annually by appointed ROSPA Inspector. Gates inspected weekly by staff and repairs carried out according to risk posed.	L	Visual checks are reported to the office for further action if required.	
Children's Play Area Ground Surface	Visitors maybe injured by damage to the surface or potholes in the grass.	Injuries to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Inspected annually by appointed ROSPA inspector. Area inspected weekly by staff and repairs carried out according to risk posed.	L	Visual checks are reported to the office for further action if required.	

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Children's Play area equipment	Visitors may be injured by damaged or worn play equipment	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors	Annual ROSPA Inspection undertaken. Weekly visual inspection undertaken by staff and repairs carried out according to risk posed	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required. Dangerous equipment will be removed from use. Children should be accompanied by an adult to prevent injury.	
Gym Equipment	Visitors may be injured by damaged / worn equipment.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Annual ROSPA inspection undertaken. Weekly visual inspection undertaken by staff and repairs undertaken according to risk posed.	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required. Dangerous equipment will be removed from use. Children should be accompanied by an adult when using equipment.	
Teen Shelters	Collapsing causing injury.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Annual ROSPA inspection undertaken. Weekly visual inspection undertaken by staff and repairs undertaken according to risk posed.	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required. Dangerous equipment will be removed from use.	
Zip Wire	Visitors may be injured by damaged / worn equipment.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Annual ROSPA inspection undertaken. Weekly visual inspection undertaken by staff and repairs undertaken according to risk posed.	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required. Dangerous equipment will be removed from use. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult when using the zip wire.	
Large Basket Swing	Visitors may be injured by damaged / worn equipment.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Annual ROSPA inspection undertaken. Weekly visual inspection undertaken by staff and repairs undertaken according to risk posed.	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required. Dangerous equipment will be removed from use. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.	

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Skate Park	Surface degeneration from weather and debris.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Annual ROSPA inspection undertaken. Weekly visual inspection undertaken by staff and repairs undertaken according to risk posed. Ad hoc checks undertaken by suitably qualified contractor	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required. A specialist contractor would sought for advice / repairs. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult when using the skate park.	
Goal Posts	Collapsing causing injury	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Annual ROSPA inspection undertaken. Weekly visual inspection undertaken by staff and repairs undertaken according to risk posed.	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required. Dangerous equipment will be removed from use.	
Potholes in grass area	Visitors maybe injured by potholes in the grass.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Grass area inspected when cut. Holes backfilled.	L		
Old Tennis Court area	Visitors may be injured by damage to the surface	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Annual ROSPA inspection undertaken. Weekly visual inspection undertaken by staff and repairs undertaken according to risk posed.	L	All checks are reported to the office for further action if required.	
Storage Container	Visitors may be injured by climbing and jumping from the container.	Injury to members of the public	Regular inspections undertaken. Container painted in anti-climb paint.		Carnival Committee to re-paint when required.	

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Electric Substation	Visitors may be injured by climbing on the substation. Danger of electrocution.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Inspected regularly by Western Power. Signage installed on substation to warn of risk. Substation painted with Anti-Climb Paint.	L	Western Power to be contact to re-paint periodically.	
Playing Field Shed	Visitors may be injured climbing on the roof.	Injury to members of the public.	Signage to be installed indicating fragile roof. Edges of roof to be painted in anti-climb paint.	L		
Signs	Metal structure is subject to deterioration from weather and damage by visitors.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Regular inspection for signs of damage and remedial action taken to ensure all signage is maintained in a good condition.	L		
Security	Personal Injury/ abduction/ assault	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Site is in open location, in view of housing. Strangers would be noticed. Adults accompany young children. CCTV covering the area is checked regularly.	L		
Trees	Collapsing or damage causing injury.	Injury to members of the public, staff and contractors.	Trees inspected on a regular basis and following adverse weather events. Remedial action taken according to the risk posed.	L		

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